



## The Holy City

*In My Father's House are Many Mansions*



WE ARE TOLD that the City lieth four-square: and the length, height, and breadth are equal. The thickness of the walls is 144 cubits, equal to 216 feet. The City measures twelve hundred furlongs, equal to 1500 square miles, each way. Think of a City 1500 miles in height, built in a unit, in apartment style.

This City has twelve foundations or floors, each being separated by a distance of 125 miles; no elevators or staircases are there, no need of such for the inhabitants are equal unto angels, ascending and descending at will. The second floor would be out of sight of the natural eye. Each floor or foundation bears the name of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

For a time I thought the City a small place for all the saints to dwell in eternity, but when I became awakened to the fact of what God had really prepared for them that love Him, I was lost in amazement. That you might get a glimpse of the immensity of our heavenly initation, we hereby set forth in figures a slight estimate of its magnitude.

Were that City divided into rooms one mile long, wide and high, there would be 3,375,000,000 rooms. One of the most astonishing things about such a place is the amount of time required to visit each room separately. If we were to begin at the formation of Adam, to visit each room, spending one hour in each room for 24 hours a day, at the end of 6,000 years we would have only visited 52,570,560 rooms, leaving 3,322,429,440 rooms yet to be gone through.

This calculation includes all leap years that occur in 6,000 years, deducting the century year when there is no leap year.

MORE ABOUT THE HOLY CITY NEXT WEEK



## Notes from The Editor



There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.—Rom. 8:1.

### SUBSCRIBE OR RENEW FOR THE EVANGEL

We are pleased to announce that our subscription list is growing some regularly, but we are not satisfied with its present growth. This being true, we will be forced to set the subscription price at \$1.50 after March 1. This will apply to everybody and there will be no club rates, but one price to all.

### PENCIL DRIVE

Paul H. Walker, Overseer of North Dakota, reports he is finishing up the sale of 5000 pencils. He is going over the top heavy. They are also selling Bibles at breakneck speed up in North Dakota. I think Brother Walker has sold about thirty himself.

I am beginning to wonder what overseer is going to get that \$100 for selling

the most pencils within his state. I am also beginning to wonder if we are going to be able to sell the 250,000 pencils with now not more than 100,000 having been shipped out. Let me insist that each overseer try to push this drive as we are bound by contract to sell this amount of pencils which will result favorably to us if we work hard enough.

Every minister that hasn't ordered and sold his quota should at least try. Overseers who do not have order blanks write Headquarters asking for them. Ministers that haven't received order blanks write your state overseer.

### BIBLES

Bibles are selling very well. However, less than half of this quota that should be sold have been shipped out to date. Those who have not ordered their Bibles should do so at once. It is a mark of loyalty and faithfulness to comply with the ruling of the General Assembly. We can ship Bibles for the General Indebtedness sales by return mail.

## NOTICES

To whom it may concern: My address is, Grams appr. 15 Third St., N.E. Minot, N. Dak.—Paul H. Walker.

The Church of God at Kermit, W. Va. would like to hear from Oscar Shortlege as to his spiritual condition. If not heard from by next conference he will be disfellowshipped from the church.—Pastor, Roy Marcum, clerk, Willie Damron.

A good revival has just closed here. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Eleven were saved, some reclaimed, some filled with the Holy Ghost and sixteen were added to the church. Pray that the Lord will keep me hid behind the cross that I may win souls for Him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Flora Redman, Clear Creek, Va.

To the churches and ministers in the state of Texas: The Paris, Pearlie, Crockett, and Beaumont district conventions will be as follows: Paris district convention will convene at Ladonia March 10-12; Pearlie district convention will convene at Cherry Hill, March 17-19; Crockett district convention will convene at Lone Oak, April 7-9; Beaumont district convention will convene at Beaumont, April 21-23. Everybody is cordially invited to attend because we are expecting the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—I remain your humble servant, J. C. Coats, Overseer of Texas, Box 285, Weatherford, Tex.

The Church of God at Pikeville, Tenn. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Geo.

Young and wife, Harvey Holland and wife, Jim Moore, Oscar Johnson, Edgar Hightenbottom, Estel Barbee. We have to hear from them within fifteen days or drop their names from the roll.—E. R. Walles, pastor, Pikeville, Tenn.

The Anniston district convention of the Church of God will convene Mar. 11, 12. Every body is invited to come and share the good blessings from the Lord. We hope to have all the members from all the churches in the district with us. All the preachers are especially requested to be present. Our state overseer will be present Sunday. Everybody come. We are expecting a glorious time. Please pray that the Lord will have full control of the meeting.—Your humble brother, J. S. Collins, district overseer, 1328 Bancroft St., Anniston, Ala.

If any one has any of C. A. Churchill's song books to sell, I will appreciate it if you will let me know.—Yours truly, W. D. Fowler, Wedowee, Ala., Rt. 1.

The Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C. would like to hear from the following: Ben West, Cora Bur, Florence Bur, Buford Bolin.—Burl Byars, clerk, Box 93, Blacksburg, S. C.

The Church of God at Union, S.C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Sister Susie Martin, Brother M. H. Fox, Sister Beatrice Sisks, and Burl Atkins. If not heard from their names will be dropped from the church roll.—Fannette Greene, clerk, Rt. 4, Box 118, Union, S. C.

To my many friends who have heard of the trouble of our son, Thetus, and who have been praying for us and him and

have been anxiously waiting to know the outcome of the affair: We are very glad to announce to you that his trial is over and a verdict rendered which read "NOT GUILTY." Well of course we feel very much relieved as we have been suffering under this awful load for months. Now we are very thankful to God for hearing prayer and to all our dear brothers and sisters everywhere who have been praying for the relief of the boy and also to them who have helped us in a financial way to meet our needs in this trial, God bless you all. Some who were not members of the Church of God sent in what they could to help us over this hard place, and we are certainly thankful to them.

Now we just ask that you pray for God to lead us and that we may be obedient in every way to His will, and please pray for our son, Thetus. Once he had the blessing of God in his heart and wanted to attend Bible School and I was not able to put him in so he became discouraged. Pray that God will save him and open the way so he can go to the Bible School this fall. He is a good singer and can play some instruments and I do so much desire to put him in school next term. —Yours for the Master, Luther A. Richard, Sesser, Ill.

As the Lake Wales district convention will convene Feb. 24-26 at the Church of God, Avon Park, Fla., there will be home coming day for the Church of God at Avon Park and all members are requested to be there or write a letter to the church letting the church know their spiritual condition.—Jessie Danehower, pastor, W. B. Scott, clerk, Avon Park, Fla.

The Church of God at Benndale, Miss. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Albert McCrees and Dora Mustgrove by next conference or their names will be dropped from the church roll.—J. W. King, clerk.

We are now in the third week of one of the greatest, if not the greatest revival ever held in Salem. Sister Richards and son, Ray, are helping us with music and some preaching. Twenty-five saved, twenty-four sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost up to date, with twenty-five or thirty in the altar each night. The power is falling in a mighty way. The building is too small, especially on Sunday night. Pray for us, that many will yet find God and all may go on and receive the Holy Ghost. May God bless you richly.—J. A. Bixler, District Pastor, Salem, W. Va.

Brother H. S. Smith began a revival here Oct. 18 and continued it three weeks. Eight were added to the church and \$60.00 raised on the indebtedness of the church property. If you desire brother Smith for an evangelist, his address is Oakvale, W. Va.—Yours in Jesus, Artie Whitlow, Box 41, Oakvale, W. Va.

A great revival in Johnston City, Ill. has been going one week. Twenty-eight (Continued on page 15)



## God's Ox

By JOHN C. JERNIGAN

Text: 1 Cor. 9:9.

**F**OR it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

### INTRODUCTION

The text is taken from Paul's letter written to the Church of God at Corinth. In this particular chapter he shows the liberty of the minister in receiving a support from the church, and in this text the minister is referred to as an ox, however, we do not want to think of a preacher as a four footed beast, but we do want to think of him as God's ox upon whom both God and the Church depends. Referring to the minister as an ox is not at all a humiliating term, for there was no animal in the rural economy of the Israelites, or indeed in that of the ancient Orientals that was held in higher esteem than the ox; and deservedly so, for the ox was the animal upon whose patient labors depended all the ordinary operations of farming.

### THE ANCIENT OX

The ancient ox was used under a hard yoke, to plough up the fields of the Israelites, and was often hitched to heavy loads and used for draught purposes. They were forced to carry heavy burdens upon their back and when time came for threshing out the small grain the sheaves were piled upon the threshing floor and the old ox was driven around and around on the heap until he trod out the grain. It was on this duty that God prohibited him from being muzzled that he may eat freely of both the straw and grain.

The old ox was looked upon as a strong beast, and one that could stand much hard labor and abuse. He was patient and faithful and always did his best. When he was beaten or mistreated he showed no ill will toward his punisher but went at the task of accomplishing more for his master.

### GOD'S OX SHOULD BE STRONG

The minister should be the strongest member in the church, never showing weakness under his usual burdens, but as Paul exhorted Timothy, to endure hardness as a good soldier. The minister has burdens to bear and battles to fight that the laity know nothing of and he should be man enough to never grunt or complain even in the thickest of battle or

under the most grievous burden. When a pastor shows weakness and discouragement he could not expect anything else from his members, for a church seldom ever rises higher or goes deeper than their leader. All churches have their little troubles and adjustments to be made and in these cases a pastor should be a man (not a babe) showing no ill effects in his spirituality and readiness to make the necessary adjustments; always ready to offer encouragement to his members instead of having to be lullabyed and rocked in the cradle himself. A pastor with his feelings all spread out like a pumpkin vine all over the garden and as sensitive as a bone felon on the fore finger is detrimental instead of helpful to a church. Pardon me please for referring to my personal experience, but if I have ever had my feelings hurt during my ministry I have had man enough about me to not let any one else know about it.

### THE TASK OF GOD'S OX

It is thought by many of those who have never had the experience that the minister has the easiest and most pleasant job in the world. Much of his work is indeed pleasant but there are burdens of responsibilities that go with his job that is not attached to any other. The minister often gets to the place that he sighs for a breath of relief and longs for the hour when he can unshoulder at least a portion of his responsibilities. It would be most impossible for me to numerate the burdens and worries of a true minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and especially a pastor or one who has the care of souls that he must give an account of in the day of judgment.

The minister's task is to stand between the church and God and to preach the gospel of life to the unsaved and to feed the flock on such food as will keep them spiritually alive. He is required to advise in the most sacred and perplexing problems of life on which often depends the destiny of a soul. He must know how to bind up the wounded, to cheer the

faint, to comfort the broken heart and above all, setting such an example that he is willing to advise, Follow me as I follow Christ.

The ministry is the most useful set of men in the world and would be missed more than any other. They are depended upon by God to carry out His work in the earth, and are depended upon by the world to pilot them to a happy destiny.

### HONOR DUE GOD'S MINISTER

Let the elders that rule well be counted of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine, 1 Tim. 5:17. Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laden us with such things as were necessary, Acts 28:10.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. 1 Thess. 5:12, 13. The early church highly honoured and esteemed the ministry but in this evil age the average church member is very far indeed from complying with the above scriptures. Even in days when I can remember a minister of God was shown more respect and reverence than he is today. When a Christian comes to the place that he disrespects the true minister of God he is on his way at a rapid speed to the rocks. Regardless of how long a true man of God pastors a church by no means should he ever become merely Jim or Bob, but he should always be Brother Jones, our esteemed pastor.

In addressing my fellow ministers of the sacred gospel that prepares men for Heaven I never hesitate in attaching "Reverend" before their name, and if there is any man in this world I would take my hat off to it is to an aged minister who has worn himself out for the sake of Christ. I long for and pray God that the time will soon appear that we will be able to better care for our aged ministers from the general or special fund at Headquarters.

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### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CROSS

"You may have a spirit without the Cross, but never the Spirit."—R. F. Horton,



# Jaffa and Its Environs

**T**HE orange groves around Jaffa are very beautiful and made us think of

our own fair state. But these are not the golden fruit of Florida or California. They are the sweet, juicy, Palestine orange. We ransacked our minds to find a remembrance of orange in a Biblical connection and the passage in Proverbs 25:11 presented itself, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." This may have no reference to the orange but similarity is so striking that I could not refrain from mentioning it.

We visited the marketplace with much interest as there we beheld the other fruits which abound in Palestine. I was amazed at the quantity of grapes, figs, pomegranates and melons of different kinds. It is no wonder that the children of Israel became infatuated with a land of such production.

Jaffa is especially noted for two Bible incidents which are recorded in the ninth and tenth chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. The home of Tabitha or Dorcas was at Joppa. She was a highly esteemed disciple of our Lord because of her work of charity. According to the narrative, it came to pass that she was sick and died. The other disciples, hearing that Peter was at Lydda, immediately sent for him that he should come unto them. As soon as Peter had received the message he made haste to come to Joppa and when he had prayed for Dorcas, raised her from the dead, from thence he went and visited with Simon the tanner who lived by the seashore.

We visited the house which now purports to be the house of Simon the tanner, and though it is a traditional site looks as though it might in reality be the place. There is one thing in its favor, however, and that is that we heard of no others claiming to be the original site. It is also by the seashore, and otherwise well located in harmony with the Bible. As we ascended the house top where Peter prayed until God gave him a vision and taught him the lesson, "What God hath cleansed that call not thou common," Acts 10:15, we also thought of the little town of Caesarea where lived the devout man named Cornelius. This man also had a vision and was commanded by the Lord to send to Joppa for Peter who would tell him what he should do. How wonderful it is that the Lord works at both ends of the line. When He is preparing the messenger He also prepares the hearer to receive his message. It was true in this case and by Peter's obedience the Gentile world began an acceptance of Christ.

## TELEVIV AND SHARON

Joining Jaffa on the north is the modern Jewish city of Televiv. It is in striking contrast with the old city of Jaffa. It seems as if one were taking a trip

By E. L. SIMMONS

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buss fare from one town to the other.

Televiv reminds me more of a city in South Florida than any other place I can think of, as the buildings are built principally of stone or concrete, covered with Spanish stucco. The ornamental growth is subtropical, the pine and eucalyptus being the principal trees and the olenader and bogan villa being the principal flowering ones that I saw.

The citizens of Televiv are Jewish, there being only one Arab residing within its limits. While these people came from all parts of the world there seems to be wonderful unity among them. The prevailing and in fact about the only language spoken is Hebrew. It is the only language taught in the schools up to the fifth grade, after which English is taught.

Among the nice buildings of Televiv are: the large synagogue, whose magnificent dome adorns the city from a great distance; the large gymnasium, and many nice schools, together with a good library.

Beginning at Televiv and reaching north along the coast for approximately fifty miles is the plain of Sharon. This plain which has for so long been almost desolate, has been recently bought up and colonized by the Jews. It now contains many prosperous villages and can no longer be called barren and unfruitful. Drainage and irrigation methods, which have been extensively employed, have made Sharon to blossom as the rose.

The town of Caesarea is located at the northern end of the plain of Sharon. This town was the home of the Centurion Cornelius, who at the preaching of Peter received the Word concerning Christ and he and his family received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. It was somewhat of a wonder to the Jews, but they were given a sign that removed all doubts. We like to think of Cornelius and his household as the first Gentile family to receive the gospel of the Son.

Caesarea was the home of Philip, the evangelist, who was also one of the finance committee appointed by the church at Jerusalem to look after the neglected widows. His entire family were Christians and his four daughters were prophetesses. Paul visited with them on his return from his third missionary trip and it was while he was there that Agabus came up from Judea and bound himself with the girdle of Paul, prophesying that Paul would be so bound by the Jews at Jerusalem.

After Paul's trouble with the Jews in Jerusalem, he was rescued by the chief captain and brought by a company of soldiers back to Caesarea to be tried before Felix the governor. He was detained for two years being questioned before Felix,

from the Orient to a modern western city for two and one half cents, which is the

Festus, and Agrippa. After his case seemed to lack progress in his home country, he appealed his case to Caesar and was sent from there to Rome.

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## SERVICE HAD WONDERFUL RESULTS

MACON, Ga.—God is wonderfully blessing here in Macon, Ga. Sister Myrtle Whitehead and Sister Pauline Jackson came here Sunday, Jan. 15 for a revival. The Lord has blessed and saved souls from the very beginning. Brother J. W. Culpepper, our pastor, his brother and Brother Langford, all of Lake Park, Ga., were with us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Brother Langford spoke for us Sunday morning. His message was real food for our souls. The Holy Ghost took charge Sunday night after the song service and gave a message through Sister Pauline and the interpretation through Brother Langford. The mighty power of God seemed to fill the house. Conviction seized the hearts of men and women, boys and girls and many forced their way through the crowd that they might touch the hem of the garment of the great King of kings, and they did. They cried for mercy and prayed for blessings until God heard their cries and honored their prayers and the results were: eleven were filled with the Holy Ghost, nine sanctified and seven saved from their sins. We believe that heaven alone will be able to record the good of last night's meeting. We are giving God all the honor and praise and request every reader of this to join us in prayer that God will continue to bless and keep the revival fire burning in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls until every honest heart that will accept the whole Bible has been won for H'm.

The church here, as in many other places, has all the opposition that its enemies can bring against it but we expect by the grace and help of God to keep it up to the Bible standard while it is here and then go up with it when it meets our Savior in the air. We covet your prayers for the work here and for Sisters Myrtle and Pauline that God will continue to use them for the salvation of others while here and in every field of labor He may call them to.—Your humble servant in the Lord, R. L. Bradfield, clerk, 330 Daningberg Ave.

## WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME

We put on a battle for the Lord at Pax, Oct. 20. We had a wonderful time. The devil fought but the Lord blessed and seven were saved, nine sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and six added to the Church of God. We had Brother Alex Shaffer with us one night. He preached a fine sermon on the Church. Brother O. W. Thomas, the district overseer, was with us and preached three sermons for us which were uplifting. They helped us greatly. The meeting closed Dec. 18. The writer was in charge.—Dillard Spaulding, Stone Coal, W. Va.

# Preachers, God and The Depression

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

**B**UT we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:7.

This text presents the argument by the great apostle of the Gentiles, which is responsible for his victories and triumph. You will notice that in the first phrase of this text there is (1) a treasure that the apostle is seeking to spend among those unto whom he ministers; upon which he draws for himself and those sitting at his feet; (2) that the vessel used is "earthen." There is this to say, and every minister must recognize such in his ministry, that the "vessel" is "earthen," therefore, the minister is only a container for God to use. To furnish His vessels with a supply of material He has baptized them with the Holy Ghost, through whom He is seeking to supply the need of those who have no treasure in their vessels. The vessel cannot use itself; it must ever remember that it is earthen; it must be yielded for the purpose and design of God. The true minister recognizes his inability and accordingly seeks to let God lead and use him. The minister must quote with the apostle, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." 2 Cor. 3:5.

## EXCELLENCY OF POWER

Though the vessel is earthen we deduce from the second phrase of the text (1) that there is a particular "excellency" in that vessel by which it may excel other vessels or excel to the glory of God; (2) that such excellency is by "the power of God." The minister or vessel that does not know and depend upon God is a failure. He may preach great flowery sermons and acclaim the attention of his hearers for awhile, but the "power of God" is the only means whereby he can "excel." Where there is an excellency of power the minister is never defeated; obstacles, hindrances and every conceivable thing may come against him but like the apostle who in Asia "was pressed out of measure, above strength, inasmuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead. Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us," he is dependent upon God. 2 Cor. 1:8-10. Only such enduement and a filling that rebounds the "excellency" of the power of God, and quickly recognizes and admits that it is "not of us," will, during these times, stand out prominently against the tide of pressure.

## HARD TIMES

We are constantly reminding each other of the hard times that exist among people of today. This is true, however, such was ever present with the great apostle. In verses 8-12 he tells us, "We are trou-

bled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you." It is very significant here that the apostle recognized that only as God worketh in them will it be possible to overcome. He accounts himself delivered unto death.

## GOD

Is the source of all true and inspired ministry. The test of the difficult times we have been going through will prove the genuineness of the ministry of those who are out in the harvest fields. But lest there be failure or lost motion, the apostle admonishes that, "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." 2 Cor. 6:1. "Giving none offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed; but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God." He points out the source of our help and that we are workers together with God. He is optimistic about all there is to do and cannot see difficulties greater than God.

## DEPRESSION

The word "depression" is used as a modern word particularly mild in its design, refusing to recognize the tremendous panic that we are within and have been for now a long while. The apostolic times are characteristic of such times decidedly more difficult, and point out to us the remedy and manner of conduct during such times. "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labour, in watchings, in fastings," 2 Cor. 6:4, 5. Here are distressing times, conditions that are deplorable and try men's souls, but Paul the Apostle is anxious to have us overcome these. He beseeches us, adding the comforting words, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in a day of salvation I have succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know how to be abased, I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:11-13. He ever cites the grace of God as the source of help and comfort. It will sustain in time of

hunger, in time of want; it instructs how to be abased and how to abound. He

calls men to record concerning the grace of God as manifested in his own life. Many are too polite, too modest, they call it, to refer to themselves. As a matter of fact, no minister has a right to speak about any other's ministry more so than his own. It is not elating one's self if he refers to the grace of God working in his own life. It glorifies God, and to that he has more right to refer than to other men's ministry. The apostle asserts, "I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath wrought by me." Therefore, he refers to his own ministry as evidence of the "excellency of the power of God." Therefore, he tells us, "In labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and in thirst, in fastings often. In cold and in nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." 2 Cor. 11:23-28.

## HOW TO BEHAVE

Having experienced such things he tells us how for minister's to behave when experiencing things that defer and would interrogate us from our duties as God has planned. "By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 Cor. 6:6-10. In Acts 20:33-34 he is particular to tell us, "I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me," for by their occupation "they were tent makers."

## WOE BE UNTO ME IF I PREACH NOT THE GOSPEL

He felt not only the constraining power of the Holy Ghost working within him, which he affirms, "Worketh in me mightily," but he knew the consequences of trifling with God. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. For our God is a consuming fire. He does not

feel like passing his call up lightly because times are hard, he remains optimistic. "It were better for me to die than that any man should make my glorying void. \* \* \* For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." There is likewise a necessity laid upon every God-called minister.

A gospel call is not a thing of light importance. "A dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me," was his contention! He does not care to be responsible for an unfulfilled commission. "Son, go work in my vineyard," is a command, the refusal to obey which displaced the Jews from God's program and set them aside, God giving their place in the gospel dispensation unto the Gentiles. Men who have a calling to the ministry and let Satan hinder them, may suffer a like thing. If you cannot man a church that will support you, and you are compelled to work with your hands, there is your next door neighbor or town, an empty schoolhouse for you to preach in and remain at home with your family. "But," you say, "a prophet is without honor in his own country." They will try to dishonor you, but the divine plan arranges the gospel to begin within your own home (John 1:11). "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." If you can't convince your neighbor of your religion it will be harder to convince a stranger. God is faithful and if ministers are likewise faithful you can do much good even though you are not able to go so far away from home. Much of my most valuable ministry was during times of employment on salaried positions that demanded my time and limited my opportunities to a ministry of community limits. We must preach the gospel and your inability to go regularly into evangelistic work should help you to select some other place and field of labor. To feel a proper responsibility to your calling is vital in preaching the gospel; such a call assisted by a surrendered life and determination, aided by the Holy Ghost, will accomplish wonders in the ministry. Do not quit because times are hard and money scarce. Regulate your expense accordingly and stick to your calling and ministry. Do not dry up on the stalk sitting around the home. "Go into the next town," near your door; preach and walk home after night and enjoy your home and ministry. The minister who becomes inactive will soon die spiritually. It is better to be active than to rust out.

#### COUNTING THE COST

The apostle has beautifully and forcefully summed up and offered a solution to the whole matter in Rom. 8:35-39, saying, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither

death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." He has here pictured the minister or even a layman as completely victorious through Jesus Christ. There is not the slightest possibility for us to be defeated and separated from Him if we but appropriate His strength and grace. If your path is thorny, remember His crown of thorns and push ahead. If it is dark, cry out in prayer, "God is light." If times are hard, remember that He for "our sakes became poor," and that He had "no place to lay his head." If the enemy is opposing you, pray through, spend a few nights in prayer, tarrying "until you are endued with power from on high." Refuse to stay on the bottom, "wrestle" until you surmount your difficulties through faith and prayer. Whatever your conflicts may be He answers, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

#### MINISTERS' MEETING A SUCCESS

Following is a brief report of the Ministers' Meeting which convened at Lake Worth, Fla., Nov. 11, 1932. As the ministers, deacons, Sunday School workers and members began to assemble around the old churchhouse in Lake Worth one could easily tell that the meeting was going to be a great success because we could feel the power and presence of the Lord. The meeting was called to order a few minutes after ten o'clock. After a few songs and prayer our State Overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, opened the session using for a Scripture reading 1 Tim. 4. After this, Brother H. L. Chesser, our state Sunday School superintendent, gave us some very interesting thoughts and advice on the Sunday School work. Then Brother Williams brought us a powerful message. This brought us to the noon hour and our dear Brother Prince and his good folks with the neighboring church gave us a big surprise by spreading a nice dinner for all and I am sure every one present enjoyed themselves very much.

In the afternoon service we had more good singing and praying. Then Brother W. M. Rumler from Miami gave a very interesting talk for the C. of G. Y. P. E. Following this was the business part of the meeting which went over with great victory. Not a dissenting voice could be heard and the best of it all was, God put His seal on the whole affair by sending an old time shout at the close of the session. I feel sure that the ministers and workers of this section of the state went back to their fields of labor with a greater determination than ever before to put things over for Christ and His church this year. Keep your eyes on us, you preachers from other sections of the state. Our motto is ONE HUNDRED PER CENT LOYALTY.—John E. Conatser, pastor, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

#### WE HOPE TO GAIN THE VICTORY FOR GOD

I desire to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel in behalf of the work here at Jellico, Tenn. We have just a small band but we are fighting the battle. It seems like we are hedged about by the enemy and almost snowed under sometimes but we keep pulling the oar for God, looking ahead for victory. Bless the Lord. It looks like everything that the old devil can handle to throw he gives us a blow with it but we keep looking thru the fog for victory and are hoping to gain by and by. We have a nice little Sunday School, and though it is just a few in number, we have a good time. We ask all who read this to please pray for our Sunday School and church that God will move on the scene and lost souls will get saved.

I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and healing my body when I was so near death. I am not so well now. I have a black speck in my right eye and it seems to move over the sight and hinders me from seeing well to read. Pray that He will heal my eyes so that I can see to read His Word and the Evangel which tells me so many good things and sometimes I can feel the power and Spirit of God wave over me like a tide of glory. I desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere that I may overcome in these last and evil days. I want to press the battle for God and His cause for I realize that He is coming soon. I pray for the saints everywhere that God will keep them on the firing line till victory is won.—Your sister, saved by the blood, Lizzie Douglas, Rt. 1, Box 44, Jellico, Tenn.

#### GOD IS WORKING AMONG US BOYS

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I am praising God for saving my soul, sanctifying me by the precious blood of the Lamb and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Glory, hallelujah! I am praising Him in the highest. I am nine years old. On Oct. 30 God wonderfully saved my soul and Sunday night, Nov. 5 He wonderfully filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire and put me on the run for glory. I am trusting God for both soul and body. We have prayer meeting in our homes and at the church house. Yesterday at two o'clock one boy got saved at the boys' meeting. There are twelve boys who have gotten saved since Oct. 23. We boys want to do something for the Lord. We want to be soul winners for our blessed Savior. He has done so much for us. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for us. We want to do whatever the Lord wants us to do. The oldest boy in this bunch is thirteen, the youngest is seven years.—Written by, J. B. Wells, Box 517.

#### "SAFETY FIRST" and "GOD FIRST"

Is thy God, whom thou servest continually able to deliver thee?—Dan. 6:20.



# The Holy Ghost

## Or Baptism with The Holy Ghost

By C. E. McBEE

Text: 2:1-4

**I** FEEL led to write on this subject this morning. I want to give a few Scripture references. The first we will give will be found in Acts 2:1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Now we want to prove by the Scripture that a person or persons does not receive the Holy Ghost in the new birth. Please read St. Luke 9:1-2. "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Please read St. Luke 10:1. "After those things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Now we want to notice what these disciples said when they returned and what Jesus said unto them. St. Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." St. Luke 10:18-20, "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Please read St. Mark 1:12. The 10th V. reads like this, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins." This shows that Jesus forgave sins while He was here, before He died on the cross and also before the Holy Ghost was given. St. John 7:37-39, "In the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." Not a certain class of people, but "if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." This takes in me and you and everybody else that will meet the condition. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

But when the day of Pentecost was fully come, which was fifty days after the feast of the Passover, the Holy Ghost came as Jesus had promised. I think this should prove we do not receive the Holy Ghost in the new birth.

Now let us see if we receive the Holy Ghost when we get sanctified. Please read 1 Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." We see from this that it is God's will to be sanctified. Heb. 12:14, Greek rendering, "Follow peace with all men and sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord." Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matt. 5. We want to see now if the Holy Ghost comes in when one is sanctified. Read Heb. 10:36, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." This is the reason some folks do not get the blessing. They do not have patience to wait on the Lord. Now He did not say before you did the will of God or before you get sanctified but after. Read Acts 1:4-5. This will show us what the promise is after we have done God's will. "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." We see the promise of the Holy Ghost is after we have done the will of God.

Now we will see how we know He has come in. Tongues is the evidence of Him. Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Please read St. John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." Some folks say we cannot receive this until we are baptized in water. Please read Acts 10:47, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" They already have the blessing. How do we know? Read Acts 10:44, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." V. 46, "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter." Read Acts 19:1-7, "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve." Some folks stop on water baptism, some go to Bethany, get sanctified and stop there, but thank God, a few go to the upper room and receive the Holy Ghost.

### 7 SANCTIFIED, 5 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

PONCE DE LEON, Fla.—Dear Evangel friends, greetings in Jesus' name. In Ps. 32:1 David said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." I'm happy to say today that I can feel that blessedness that David spoke of. How wonderful it is to be able to put your trust in a living God and not in the things of this world.

About eleven years ago the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Comforter which is the Holy Ghost. I was just a small boy at that time and the Lord surely did bless me. I attended the 1924-25 term of Bible Training School in Cleveland, Tenn. and surely did enjoy the good feasts of the Lord while there. And while I am here let me say that it is the best school in the world for any one to attend and any one wanting to go to a good school where they can learn something about the good old Bible will do well to choose the Church of God B. T. S. I ask the saints everywhere to pray that God will provide for me that I can attend next term.

In the year 1926 the devil crept in and stole my victory because I failed to obey God. But praise His holy name, about two months ago He wonderfully reclaimed me and I just can't praise Him enough. I am glad to say that God is saving others out here in West Florida too. We just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother W. T. Martin of Slocumb, Ala. and my dear mother, Sister L. E. Alford, in charge. There were seven saved and sanctified, five filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost (in which number the writer is included), five reclaimed and twelve added to the Church of God. The meeting was held in Sister Brown's home about six miles north of Ponce de Leon, Fla. We surely thank the Lord for all this and ask the saints to pray earnestly that the Church of God may be established in this section of Florida.

We would like to hear from our district pastor and ask if he reads this to please write Mrs. L. E. Alford, Ponce de Leon, Fla., Rt. A. N., when he can be with us.—A brother in Christ, Grady Alford, Rt. A. N.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

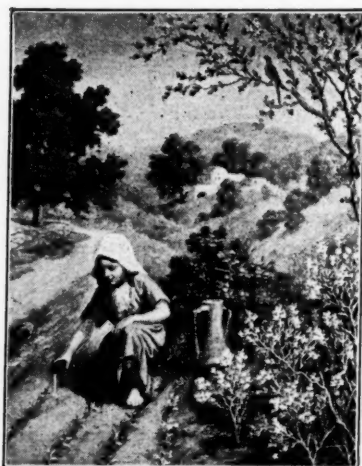
### JESUS TEACHES BY PARABLE THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Lesson 8—February 19

TIME: A. D. 28.—PLACE: Galilee.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isa. 11:9.

**LEADING THOUGHT:** But when the fruit is brought forth, he immediately putteth in the sickle.



**LESSON TEXT:** Mark 4:1-34

V. 21. "And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?" The candlestick or the lamp is the light of divine truth shining in the person of Christ. It comes to us as a light in our souls, but not of our own kindling; it comes from the Word of God; to manifest it is to glorify God. Bushel comes from Greek, *modios*, meaning a measure used in every household, containing flour, flour bin, part of the furniture of every house as was also the candlestick. The light to set on a lamp-stand signified that the Christians were Christ's light bearers, and that He was unwilling that the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven be concealed.

V. 22. "For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested." That is, there is nothing now hid, but in order that it might be made known. The things now hidden will some day be proclaimed openly.

"Neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." What is now held in the treasures of mercy, wisdom, and love will eventually be made known.

V. 23. "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear." The same ears that hear the present revealed truths shall receive that fuller revelation in its time.

V. 24. "And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you;

and unto you that hear shall more be given." We are responsible for what we hear, and how we measure it out to others; our judgment will be accordingly, and those who are faithful to "hear" unto them "shall more be given."

V. 25. "For he that hath, shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that he hath." He that uses his gifts bestowed upon him by our Lord, God will increase his gifts. But he that uses them not, from him shall be taken "that which he hath."

V. 26. "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground." The seed here as before is the Word of God; the field or ground is the world.

V. 27. "And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." The seed sower or preacher of the gospel sleeps and rises night and day and works here and there, and as the seed sown in the earth germinates and grows from its own sources actuated upon by the earth, light and air, the worker knowing nothing of the mysterious process.

V. 28. "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of itself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Just so the preaching of the gospel. The sower is responsible to sow the seed. The vitality of the seed is independent of his labor. The earth develops the plant from the seed through the mysterious process of God as a Creator, and through which He is ever working. Even so the sower casts in the Word, and the grace of God perfects its growth in the heart, as the earth bringeth forth fruit of itself and ever increases until the growth is completed. In like manner the preaching of the gospel will eventually cover the ground (Matt. 24:14). Through time the church grows and expands until the precious fruit of the earth for which the husbandman waiteth is ready for the garner. (Jas. 5:7).

V. 29. "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." As

soon as the work of Christ is completed, whether in the individual or within the church, "he putteth in the sickle." Saints are called home at opportune times. The church will be raptured after full fruition and witness of the gospel unto all nations; Atheism and Communism will not hinder God from gathering the harvest.

VV. 30, 31, 32. The comparison of the "kingdom of God" is likened unto a grain of mustard seed. Much to the surprise of the Pharisees the opposed kingdom in rejection would spread like the mustard. By the grain of mustard seed Christ illustrated the power of fertility and growth of the church, since it contains the aspect of the kingdom in mystery form. The grain of mustard is one of the smallest of all seeds. The beginning of the spread of the gospel had like other things a small beginning, however, like the mustard branch shoots out large branches even so has the church grown by leaps and bounds. "And becometh greater than all herbs." Indeed the growth of the church has well eclipsed all other institutions in the whole world. The fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. We are told by a traveler in South Africa that it grows so large upon the slopes of the mountains in Chili that he could ride under the branches.

VV. 33, 34. "With many such parables spake he the word unto them." That is, by plain, simple illustration which all might understand He continued to teach them. That which would not readily suggest itself unto the human mind might, by honest search after its true meaning, readily yield to simple analysis. "He expounded all things to his disciples." Those who are His own, from them He holds nothing back. Christ is anxious that His followers be correctly taught; to allow anything else is to permit deception to enter among them.

#### A FRIEND INDEED

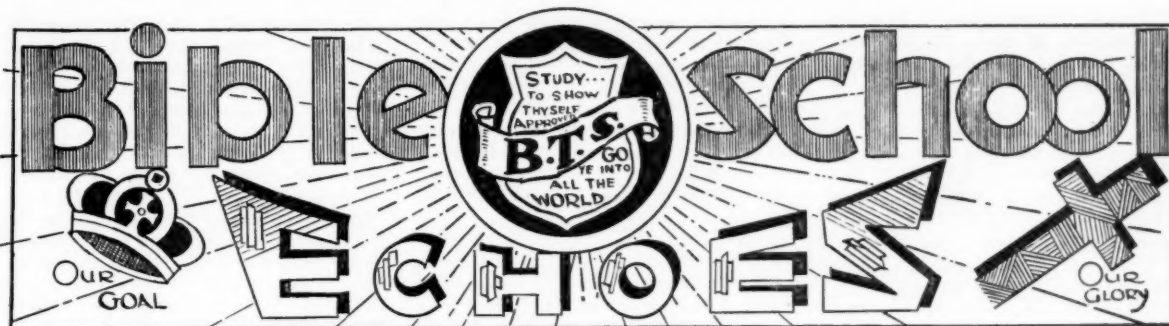
"A friend in need"—my neighbor said to me—  
"A friend indeed is what I mean to be."

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## COMMERCIAL REPORT

The students of the commercial department of the Bible Training School find some of their studies rather difficult as they are getting deeper in them, but with determination we continue to study. After all we know that a person has to put forth a special study and stick to it if he or she ever learns anything.

We, the commercial students, feel that whether we become business men or even preachers, that our subjects will be of great value to us. We feel that a person preparing himself for the ministry should at least take shorthand and typing, and even bookkeeping would be of great value to him. Therefore, we know that our efforts will not be in vain even though we follow either profession in our future life.—R. Maurice Meares.

## Palestine—Facts And Figures

**Improvements:** Including Transpordanian there are nearly 750 miles of railway and over 500 miles of public roads. Telephone and telegraph wires include over 13,000 miles. Jaffa and Haifa are the chief ports with regular steamer service. The chief towns are Jerusalem, Haifa, Gaza, Hebron, Nablus, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. King David Hotel, one of the largest and most palatial hotels in Palestine has been opened at Jerusalem. It has 200 rooms and 120 private bathrooms, a luxury in the Near East.

**Agriculture:** The area available for cultivation in both Eastern and Western Palestine amounts to a little over four million acres, and over half this acreage is neither occupied nor cultivated. On the above basis there is room in Palestine for about four hundred and thirty seven thousand agricultural farms which will support a new farming population of a little over two million with the introduction and perfection of an irrigation system in the plantations area. Along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea another hundred thousand families could be settled. This gives a grand total of about two and one half million people to whom Palestine offers at present agricultural opportunities.

**Religion and Education:** Though religious freedom is guaranteed there is considerable religious jealousy. The govern-

ment schools are attended chiefly by Mohammed as the Jews and Christians provide their own schools. There are 50 Mohammed schools. Most of the non-government schools receive state aid. Zionist organizations maintain teachers training colleges, schools of music, agricultural school, and craft institutions. The Hebrew University is at Jerusalem. A report shows that in 1929 approximately 7,000 Jews entered Palestine from Poland, Arabia, Russia, Rumania and United States respectively.

The three official languages spoken are English, Arabic, and Hebrew.—Information from Encyclopedia.

## Things Worth Knowing

Q. Was it lawful for the Israelites to eat locust?

A. It was. Lev. 11:22.

Q. What were the three great feasts of the Jewish year and for what purpose were they celebrated?

A. *Feast of Passover* was held in the spring, usually on the 14th of March. It commemorated the exodus from Egypt, and was observed with the eating of unleavened bread and the slain lamb. *Feast of Pentecost* was held in summer. It commemorated the giving of the law, and was observed by "first fruits" laid on the altar, with special sacrifices. *Feast of Tabernacles* was held in the fall. It commemorated the outdoor life of the wilderness and was observed by living in huts and by special sacrifices.

Q. Where was Abram born?

A. In Ur of the Chaldeans. Gen. 11:22.

Q. What are the required steps to take in the presentation and disposition of a main motion before the house?

A. (1) The member rises and addresses the presiding officer.

(2) The member is recognized by the presiding officer.

(3) The member proposes a motion.

(4) Another member seconds the motion.

(5) The presiding officer states the motion to the assembly.

(6) The assembly discusses the motion.

(7) The presiding officer takes the vote on the motion.

(8) The presiding officer announces the result of the vote.

Q. Who was the prophet of reform in Italy preceding Martin Luther?

A. Savonarola, a Florentine friar. He

was a forerunner of Martin Luther.

Q. In which one of the seven church periods are we living?

A. We are undoubtedly living in the patient church period known as the Philadelphia. We believe during this period the Lord shall come. 1 Thess. 4:16-17 and Rev. 3:10 shall be fulfilled.

## Is B. T. S. Worth While?

Is the time and money we spend in Bible School worth while? There are many ways by which this could be proved in the affirmative. So many people never have stopped to consider the value of learning or training.

What would be the result of war with untrained soldiers? It would be defeat, loss of lives and territory. How many men and women could attain to high positions without learning? Not any. What would your children act like without education? We readily understand the answers for these questions.

We are living in an enlightened age, people are ever learning, therefore, to meet an educated public we need to learn; and the subjects taught here in B. T. S. will equip men and women for service. I will name a few of our subjects and comment briefly, as time and space are limited.

**Church History**—a wonderful study of the church age in the past. Its great leaders with untiring efforts, and some of them giving their lives for God's great cause, is enough to arouse the evangelistic spirit and start the "go ye" fire to burning.

**Bible Atlas, or geography**—gives a geographical knowledge of the Bible. I used to wonder at the scripture reading where Jesus entered a ship and crossed over the sea of Galilee and the multitude walked around and met Him on the other side; but after learning the size of this sea which is seven miles wide and thirteen miles long, I could understand that it was not like walking around the Mediterranean Sea.

**Parliamentary Law**—a valuable subject for the pastor or official. How many business meetings have proved a detriment to the church because of an inefficient pastor! Souls have been dealt with in an illegitimate way and driven from the church as well as from salvation. Parliamentary Law is the common system of laws for transacting business in assemblies.

**Prophecy**—the need of the hour, is

taught here in a simple way so that all can understand. All those visions and dreams of Daniel which seem perplexing are made clear.

English—how badly in need are many of our good ministers of this subject. A good dose of this will stop us from saying, "God don't," "He don't," etc.

Missions—the subject that takes us on an imaginary trip to India, China, and Africa, and will we trust, stir some one to go.

The Bible—last but not least, has pre-eminence in B. T. S. and makes us dig to answer questions or to take part in discussions.

Music—that's so badly needed in every department of church work, is taught with patience.

If you are one that has said time and money is wasted spent in B. T. S., come one term and you'll return with the testimony of the queen of Sheba, "The half was never told," of all the good one derives in Bible School.—A sincere student, Josephine Walker of Pensacola, Fla.

## A Good Soldier For Jesus

Scripture lesson: 2 Tim. 2:3-7, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier."

A soldier is one who is engaged in military service. We find the Roman soldiers in Paul's day had no other occupation, and their time was fully taken up in military service. Paul instructed his son, Timothy, to endure hardness as a good soldier. To be a good soldier we

need to serve Christ with soul, mind and strength. To be a good soldier for our country we need to be trained. Before the World War the boys were unprepared; however, they had training camps where they might receive the best military training before they would let them go on the firing line. Now to be a good soldier one is to know the Bible, and then obey.

I am glad that the Church of God has a place where boys and girls may go to enjoy the presence of the Lord, learn the Bible and know how to become a good soldier for Jesus. To endure hardness we must watch and pray. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Our warfare is not carnal but mighty thru God who pulls off the shackles of sin. Our captain, Jesus, never lost a battle. We find that a number of Christian soldiers have given their lives for the gospel, and died here for Christ in the dark ages. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley and others suffered and endured for Christ. Paul tells of his hardships and sufferings for the gospel. 1 Cor. 11:24-27. He also states that there is laid up for us a crown; and not to us only but to all those who love His appearing. If we endure the hardships that we come in contact with and win the battle for God, then when the smoke of the battle is cleared away and our warfare weapon is laid down we can receive a crown that is laid up in heaven for the faithful.—Your brother, W. F. Ainsworth, Winnsboro, La.

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### CASH—JANUARY, 1933

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mary L. Tidwell, Richey, Miss.—18 cards pearl buttons, 6 skeins thread.

Church, Lancaster, Ohio—5 bed sheets.

New Home Church, Scottsboro, Ala.—1 quilt.

From Thomasville, N. C., No name—1 blanket, 1 sweater, 1 skirt, 2 hdkfs., 4 yds. prints, 1 1-2 yds. white cloth, 3 1-2 yds. prints.

Church, West Helena, Ark.—2 quilt tops.

Boswell, Pa.—8 bars soap, 4 ties, 2 hats, 5 hdkfs., 1 pr. house shoes, 9 towels, 2 scarfs, 3 wash cloths, 2 1-4 yds. prints, 1 1-2 yds. gingham, 1 dress, 1 quilt top (new), 3 pr. bloomers, 1 collar, 2 yds. lace, 2 children's skirts, 2 dresses, 1 boy's suit, 1 man's scarf.

Mrs. Julia D. Pruett and Mrs. R. D. Horton, Sheridan, Wyo.—2 quilts.

Church, Jonesboro, Ala.—2 pr. boy's pants, 6 shirts, 2 pr. bloomers, 2 gowns, 3 prs. sport socks, 1 skirt, 2 gowns, 1 pr. bootise, 1 pr. stockings (worn). 2 slips, 4 pr. pants.

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### GOD WILL BRING IT TO THE FRONT

TIP TOP, Va.—I am preaching here at home just now. God laid it on my heart for some time, yet I would refuse to do so. Finally I got to a place where I could not get around and then I said, "All right Lord." A few days ago I walked into the pulpit and began to preach and to my surprise this meeting has brought about some of my prayers as I have been praying for two of my boys that have been traveling the awful pathway of sin for years and God has wonderfully saved them both and I baptized them last Sunday, with some others. They are now praying for the Holy Ghost. All of the dear saints pray for them to get Him soon.

I want to say that we surely live among real good people here and we are looking for God to give us a large band of saints here. We love the Church of God. We know it must be cleansed in the blood of Jesus our Savior and Lord of all. Brother Thomas Martin is helping me. I find him to be a real child of God and I really praise the Lord for meek men like him. We also had with us last night Brother J. C. Hanks, a lovely little brother. The church has had a real pull in this part of Virginia but we believe God will bring it to the front. We are planning on baptizing here again soon if the Lord permits.

All of the dear children of God pray for me that I may live true to God at any cost.—From your brother in Christ Jesus, H. O. Kirk, district overseer.

### IT PAYS TO HOLD ON TO GOD

Ft. LAUDERDALE, Fla.—I certainly want to thank and praise God for His wonderful love and blessings to me and for full salvation. I know I have the right kind for Paul says the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but joy and peace in the Holy Ghost and that is what I have, joy and peace. I can feel that sweet, deep settled peace and the joy now as I write, glory to God! I would like to say a few words of encouragement to encourage any of you that are discouraged and to whom the way looks dark ahead. It pays to hold on to God. If you will hold on the reaping time will come.

We thank God because He is working here at Ft. Lauderdale. The devil thought he had us but praise God He gave the victory. We prayed here for an hour every night for seven weeks for God to work and give us a revival and it seemed for four months afterward that God had forsaken us and the enemy had things here. We prayed and cried and held on to God and the victory has come. One got the Holy Ghost at a cottage prayer meeting at my home two weeks ago and Sunday afternoon one got reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost. Two were sanctified and one was saved. Another was saved at the church Sunday night. About ten were in the altar. People who had never been at the altar here before were

crying and weeping. We had a glorious service Sunday morning and Sunday night. The power fell and we were made to rejoice. There were shouts of praises, dancing and talking in tongues. People are under conviction here. We thank God for we surely believe He sent Brother Connatser here as pastor. We love him and believe he is a good man full of the Holy Ghost.

We feel a revival spirit in our hearts and God is now answering our prayers. The saints have new zeal and are encouraged to try to do more this year than we have ever done for God and His Church and we hope by the next Assembly that the Church of God here will go on record as one of the largest and best churches in the state of Florida. There is a good opportunity here for the Church of God for there are people here under conviction who are tired of a form of godliness and no power. We had not had a revival outpouring of God's Spirit here like we had Sunday and Sunday night in a long time. I will tell you when God's Spirit works people get under conviction. It takes prayer and holding on to God but thank God the saints here have prayed thru and we are shouting the victory. Pray for us here that we will obey God and that we will have a revival here that will stir this town. — Your sister in Christ, Trixie Stutts.

### BEST MEETING EVER HAD IN MARVEL, ALA.

....Dear saints of God, I just wanted to report victory won at this place. I came here nine years ago. I was the only holiness person here and I prayed and held on to the Lord and at different times the Lord would send some one to preach a few sermons here. Two years ago two more were added to the number and one year ago another one was added. That made four. We begged and cried for the Lord to send us some one to hold a revival and praise His name He did. He sent Brother and Sister Pinlon and Brother Albert Reed and they began the battle Nov. 5. The Lord blessed from the very beginning. Eighteen came thru to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and several others were saved. We hope they will get the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We had our state overseer, Brother W. W. Harmon, with us two nights. We enjoyed his messages and we are expecting him back in the near future to set us a church in order.

We are praying for God to give us a church here. We also had some singers from Pratt City. We surely did enjoy having them. Sister Lola Mae Reed stayed with us a few days and helped us with the singing and we enjoyed having her so much. Brother Joe Sherlock will preach for us twice a month. Everybody pray for us. There are many others who believe this way and we are expecting these brothers and sisters back to hold us another revival soon.—A sister in Christ, Ella O'Brien.



# In Foreign Fields

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

## My Trip to Mexico

J. H. INGRAM

(Continued from last issue)

### IN CUIDAD OBREGON

**A**RRIVING at Cuidad Obregon (city of Obregon), pronounced in Spanish, "See-oo-dad," accent on the last syllable, giving the "a" the same sound as in ah. Ob-re-goan is the proper way of pronouncing the last part of the city's name, placing the accent on the last syllable likewise. I thought our readers would like to have the right pronunciation of the name as it will have importance attached to it because of the fact that our Mexican Headquarters of the Church of God is established here. The Mission Board mailed us a check for \$300.00. This was sufficient to purchase \$912.00 in Mexican money at the present rate of exchange. With \$750.00 of this we were able to purchase a building approximately 32x45 ft., including a lean-to brick addition to the living quarters in the rear which does not show in the accompanying picture. The building is constructed of double walls consisting of an interior wall of adobe brick, which is approximately nineteen inches thick. The outside wall of fire brick is about sixteen inches thick, making nearly three feet in all. The roof is constructed of sawed timbers, bamboo poles, and matting, with a layer of special native earth on top, which is almost like so much cement. The lean-to part in the rear is covered with a galvanized corrugated iron roofing. There are four living rooms in the rear, including a combination "L" shaped kitchen and dining room. The partition separating the different rooms are from eight to nineteen inches in thickness and constructed of brick and adobe, and all of it is plastered except a little new work we put up in the living quarters. We did not have enough money to do that at present as we spent \$30.00 lawyer and court fees and having blue prints made, and spent the rest fixing up the church. We had to take down a nineteen inch wall of adobe, move it over about twelve feet, replaster, and buy heavy timbers to pillar up the church roof. It cost around \$35.00 for lumber and timber alone as second grade lumber is \$180.00 per thousand down there. We had to pay out about \$40.00 to a contractor as we were not prepared to do the heavy work as we had nothing to do with. The rest was spent for material and food for volunteer labor and I rolled up my sleeves and went after the labor work with the brothers in the church, including the building of a baptistry. The interior of the mission is plastered and whitewashed and has two windows and two double doors and is lighted with

electricity. The only sad feature is that it has no floor. There are few floors here and they take little notice of it, but it is needful to have a brick or cement floor to keep out poisonous insects as there are lots of them here. Two large rattlesnakes came in the old mission on Sister Atkinson. One of the natives killed one and the other escaped. (Rattlesnakes, of course, are not insects).

The lot on which the building sets is 32x65 feet and is a corner lot. In addition to this we have another lot to the rear adjoining this and facing the other way on the side street, which is 32x52 feet, so you see we have plenty of room to expand if needs be. Our property is located just two blocks from the main street and five blocks from the business section. It is just one block from the public watering place and a plot of ground surveyed out by the city and set apart as a plaza site.

Obregon City has sprung up from the insignificant railroad town of Cajeme (Cah-hay-me) in about five years to a thriving city of about 20,000 inhabitants. It has several vegetable and fruit packing plants and a number of rice and flour mills used in manufacturing and packing the products of the famous Yacui Valley of which this town is headquarters. It was given its new name in honor of their late martyred President Obregon.

I fear I am making this article too long but will be obliged to mention a few more things. As for the title of the building we have a deed to both the building and lots jointly and separately, stamped and sealed by four different courts; namely, Town of Cajeme, Cuidad Obregon, State and Federal, which is the last word in law, but we had to stand in the breach between two opposing forces; namely, the Catholics and Communists, for one week in a fierce legal battle in order to get these rights and at times it seemed we were defeated, but we would go into prayer again, counsel some more, and I would send our attorney and natives to the front, or rather Sister Atkinson, as she was the man go-between, and I would stay behind in prayer.

A word about the value of this property. The lady was badly in need of money and wanted to leave for Mexico City with her children to join her husband for Christmas and made a sacrifice. We priced other buildings as high as \$4,000 not as good as this, and already the authorities are wanting to revalue it at \$2,000 for tax purposes. Of course there will be no tax on it hereafter.

### CONDITION OF THE WORK THERE

In the absence of Sister Atkinson the interest I found had fallen off to a great extent, partly due to the inexperience of our native preacher, Brother Burgos, and further, the fact that he had been afflicted with terrible sores and inflammation in one foot and was unable to walk for over two months. We got the folks together and prayed for him and he got a healing touch from the Lord and has walked ever since, but is still very bad and needs prayer. I have not said this for criticism as Brother Burgos is a fine brother and did the best he could, I am confident. I was just stating the conditions. Now they are coming back and the house is full at nights and you see there was quite a few at the Sunday service on the day of dedication. There would have been more but there were two funerals among our families and their friends on this day, and others were sick. There is much sickness and suffering in Mexico now for the lack of proper food, clothes and shelter, and poor sanitary conditions. There have been thousands of Mexicans forced to return from the United States during the depression and they are suffering untold hardships. The government is doing all it can for them by setting aside farm land and doling out rations enough to keep them alive until they can produce a living from the ground. Those in the cities have to beg from house to house or stores, or both. The people there do not waste anything. We throw away enough in our garbage cans in the United States, I verily believe, to feed all Mexico's hungry people and then some. If you were to come on a trip down here with me you would feel like you had committed a terrible sin to throw away a slice of bread. Every crumb is saved and these Old Mexican mamas can come nearer taking nothing and making something good to eat than most any one I ever saw, and use less fuel to cook it with.

### OTHER CONDITIONS

We were treated with utmost courtesy everywhere, and the nearest I came to meeting with any violence was on the day of the dedication. As I was preparing to hoist the flag over the mission some fellow came by and flashed a large dagger mumbling something as he went by. I never learned what his business was. Maybe he was on his way to kill some one or to start a one man revolution. If those fellows down there like you they will do anything possible to help you, and if they don't like you they are liable to kill you and tell some one else why afterward, and when they get saved they make real Christians.

The communists are getting stronger here all the time and are flying their red banners day and night, while I never saw a Mexican flag all the time I was gone, except the one I had made to order to put up over the mission. I got so tired looking at the abominable red flag, which is no doubt the ensign of the advance guards of the Antichrist's forces who are assembling not only in Mexico but all over the world, getting ready for

the first stage of the great battle of the Armageddon. In Mexico the reds of Russia and the black forces of Italy are combining and have a red and black flag signifying blood and death. They are working under the guise of labor orders to get the common people.

The Yaqui Indians have quieted down somewhat but the government is not taking any chances. Soldier guards patrol the railroad right of way at danger points and all trains carry soldier escorts to guard the passengers and mail enroute to and from the United States border.

#### A NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO THE MEXICANS

On the dedication day the writer presented the church with a Mexican flag and at the same time delivered them a deed to the property stating to them in their language that it was made possible thru the donations to the mission cause from

the churches in the United States, Canada, Jamaica, and the Bahama Islands. You should have seen the look of happiness that came over their faces as they stood and thanked and praised God. The Catholics have a big temple about half completed in Ciudad Obregon, but abandoned it as they can only have one priest to every 50,000 people in Sonora State. Their bishop was deported to the United States by airplane. I learned the train was too slow.

#### FOUR RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

At the close of the revival at Oak Grove, Ky. Brother and Sister Rayhill went to Salem and held a week's meeting. Sister Delia Johnson and I went with them. We had a good meeting. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost and one saved. We spent the week with Brother George Canon and family. We surely did

enjoy the kindness and love we all felt in Brother Canon's home and also the homes of the other brothers and sisters.

I thank God for the Y. P. E. It surely is nice. It makes my heart rejoice to see the interest taken in the Salem church. Brother and Sister Rayhill left my home Wednesday for Bowling Green for a revival. We hated to see them go but best of friends have to part. We hope to meet some day to part no more.—A sister in Christ, F. A. Allen.

#### THE COMFORT OF GIVING

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

#### GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD

Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them, else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven (Matt. 16:1).

## Mexican Mission Headquarters



The above photograph was taken of the local church and its building lately purchased as headquarters for our mission work in Mexico, located in the city of Ciudad Obregon. The purchase of this property was ordered by the Mission Board at the last Assembly. This property is paid for and two missionaries are working out of this station. We have thirty members there and the work is growing. Mission funds are very low at this time and we earnestly appeal to you in behalf of the Mission cause.

Our esteemed overseer, J. H. Ingram, Overseer of California and Arizona, who has been supervising the work in Mexico, who also negotiated the purchase and closed the deal on mission property, is seen standing at the right hand corner holding the flap rope. Mrs. Mary W. Atkinson, our Spanish American missionary to Mexico, is seen standing in front of the door dressed in white. There are other prominent persons present that we cannot mention by name.

## REQUESTS

Please pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my home and husband as he is not with us now. I really need prayer, so remember me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ada Strickland, Greenville, S. C.

I ask that every child of God will pray for the healing of my body. I have the Holy Ghost. I would like to get an anointed handkerchief from any one.—Your sister in Christ, Flora Johnson, Ono, Ky.

Please pray for me as I need your prayers. God knows and understands. Pray for my loved ones to be saved and some of them that are sick and afflicted to be healed.—A sister in Christ, Maud Martin, Altoona, Ala.

I haven't taken a dose of medicine in thirteen years and the Lord has healed me many times. Please remember me in prayer, also my mother-in-law, Mrs. L. F. Jones, who is very sick.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Julia M. Jones, Lithia, Fla.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my sick body. I have heart trouble and a swelling in my lower limbs, also sick stomach. The enemy is trying me severely. I've been trusting the Lord for nearly seven years and don't want to give up now. I love God and want to please Him. My body is very weak.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. M. Dickson, S. C.

Please pray for my daughter as she is in a very wicked place. Pray for her to be delivered.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Girtie Clark, Rt. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

Pray for the Church of God at Graysville, Tenn. that the Lord will give us souls for our labor. Pray for each member to be loyal. We have some work to be carried out and pray that it will be carried out pleasing to the Lord.—Your brother who is looking for the coming of our Lord, Fred Varnes, Rt. 5, Dayton, Tenn.

I want all the saints to pray for the work at this place. There is a revival in progress now. The Lord is blessing and souls are weeping thru to victory. The devil is working hard so pray for us.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Talking Rock, Ga., clerk.

Dear saints, I have a friend who has T. B. and he asked me to write to the Evangel for prayer that God might heal him and save his soul. Don't forget this request for all his family have died of T. B. Pray for us to get closer to church and for my husband to get the Holy Ghost. My baby has a breaking out, so pray for God to heal him for I am trusting Him.—A sister in Christ, Ruby Rogers, Rt. 4, Danville, Ala.

Please pray a special prayer for my sister who has T. B. The doctor said she

didn't have long to stay in this world. Pray for her to be saved and get the blessing before it is too late. Everybody please pray. Pray for me that I might grow stronger and get the blessings He has for me.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. R. H. Bradford, Rt. 1, Stanton, Ala.

## GOD MET WITH US IN A GREAT WAY

The Church of God in Virginia is moving on. On Nov. 6 a bunch of saints gathered at Big Vain, Va., something like one mile from Pocahontas, Va., to have an all day service and God met with us in a great way. I agreed to set a church in order if I could get ten and the number exceeded ten. So I set a church in order with fourteen members and some of them, I think, are fine material. So please pray for this new church, also pray for me and my family. I live at Bluefield, Va. now and I have been conducting a revival here. God has been blessing.—G. W. Helmick, Bluefield, Va., Box 46.

## CHURCH SET IN ORDER IN NEW YORK

We want to report that the Church of God is now on the map in New York state. We have a new church in Orangeburg, N. Y. with sixteen members and more members to come in. They are a little green yet and just as soon as they get ripe enough we will pick them. It has been a hard battle from every angle, but the harder the battle, the sweeter the victory.

On our arrival here in Tappan the prospect was a home where a few sinners gathered for prayer meetings. The day after our arrival I took a sister and husband took a brother and started out to find a church house. Brother Morrow found an abandoned church in Orangeburg, N. Y. The overseer of the building told us if we cleaned it up and replaced the broken windows we could have the church free of rent for ever. So we got busy. I begged the window glass from a factory, begged a sinner man to put them in, and the weather was zero. We scrubbed the floor on our hands and knees

twice and in three days from our arrival we held our first meeting in our little church and I want to say we have the cutest little church I was ever in. I worked hard and prayed half of the night and when I was ready to give up the whole church came to the altar and prayed thru.

The strain was so hard that I had a nervous break-down as the result of the hard work, but I am resting for a week or two and then we are going to make our trial for the second Church of God and if all who read this piece will pray I am sure we will have another church before long.

Now if any preacher sees this, and when you get down to pray if you see a big New York come before your eyes, come up and help us. I find these New Yorkers some of the best people on earth and I believe we ought to say that our song leader is Artie Dunn who broadcasts for the Tastyest Jesters. He is training our choir and if you want to hear a real boy quartet sing come to Orangeburg, N. Y.—Yours for lost souls, Helen L. Morrow, Box 37, Tappan, N. Y.

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have been saved, thirteen sanctified and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirty-five definite experiences were received in the last three days and folks are getting saved at their seats in the congregation. The saints are greatly encouraged. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless in a mighty way.—Your brother, John O. Yates, pastor in charge.

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I would like to get in with some lady evangelist or stay with some one and keep house for small salary. I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the church. If any one is interested, please write to (Miss) Maud Martin, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

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The revival fire is still burning at Buford, Ga. We had our first meeting in our new church Thursday night and we took in fifteen new members. Some are getting saved, sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost at every service.—Your coworker and brother in Christ, L. P. Shaw, Evangelist, Lawrenceville, Ga.

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The Lake Wales district convention will convene at Avon Park, Fla. Feb. 24-26. We urge that all ministers, deacons, clerks, Sunday School superintendents, and Y. P. E. presidents put forth a special effort to be there, as well as the laity. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. Don't forget to pray for God to bless and give us what we need. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, will be in charge.—L. R. Alderman, district pastor, Lake Wales, Fla.

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In the mission report in the Evangel of Jan. 7 it was reported that J. C. Myers, Wadkinsville, W. Va. gave \$2.00. It should have read Yadkinsville, N. C.—General Secretary.

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A good revival has just closed at Kannapolis which was a great success. Brother G. C. Hamby of Wilmington, N. C. did the preaching. During the two weeks thirty were saved, twenty sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church. We praise and thank the Lord for the success of this revival.—Annie Freze, clerk.

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The Church of God at Bridgeford, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts of Miss Geraldine Wing, last heard from in Florida. If not heard from before next conference her name will be dropped from our church book.—Her brothers in Christ, C. A. Culpepper, pastor, J. A. Clements, clerk.

## ONLY ONE ENEMY

Edward Everett Hale said at the celebration of his eightieth birthday, "I never had but one enemy, and last week, when I was trying to think of his name, I found I had forgotten who he was."—The Christian Tribune.

## THE TRUE FACTS CONCERNING A FALSE STATEMENT

We regret to again have to refer to the malicious and untrue statement that has recently been circulated to the effect that the Church of God is a member of the Federation of Churches of Christ in America. An investigation traced the origin of this story to F. F. Johnson, who is pastor of the Tomlinson Church of God at Cleveland. Johnson claimed that he had received a letter from Frederic J. Haskin, a newspaper correspondent, to that effect.

We took the matter up with Mr. F. J. Haskins and in his letter to Mr. Johnson he stated that he misunderstood the list of churches that the Federal Council took from the government report at Washington, D. C. This government reporting began when A. J. Tomlinson was General Overseer and continued through the life of F. J. Lee and one report has been made since S. W. Latimer has been General Overseer.

We asked Mr. Haskin to write Mr. Johnson correcting this mistake, and he very promptly did so. The following is a copy of his letter to Mr. Johnson:—

Tomlinson Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn.

Attention: Mr. Johnson

Dear Sir:

We have been requested to inform you that the information given by this Bureau that the Church of God, General Assembly, was a constituent member of the Federal Council of Churches, was an error which was due to the fact that the name of the church appears in the Year Book of the Federal Council of Churches in such a manner as to be misleading to the member of our staff responsible for the information.

We take great pleasure in informing you that the Church of God, General Assembly, is NOT a member of the Federal Council of Churches.

Yours truly,

FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

We also asked the General Secretary of the Federation of Churches of Christ in America to give us a statement as to whether or not we were members. We received an answer from the General Secretary showing that the Churches of God in North America, of which Dr. Whisler is President, is a member, but that the Church of God over which S. W. Latimer is General Overseer is not a member. This letter was shown to Mr. Johnson.

After Mr. Johnson had received the correction from Mr. Frederic J. Haskin, and after we had showed him the letter from the General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, we naturally supposed that he would be glad to correct his untrue statement, and we therefore asked him to sign a statement to the effect that he had now learned that his former statement was a mistake. He refused to sign such a statement.

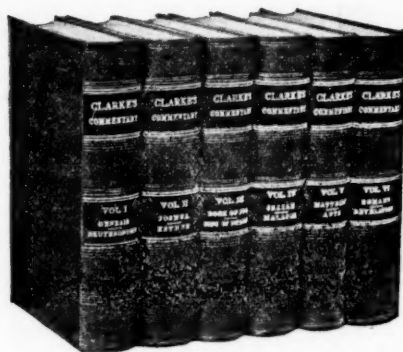
In view of the fact that Mr. Johnson has given some publicity to the letter from Mr. Haskin that originally contained this untrue statement, and of the further fact that the officers and members of the Tomlinson Church of God, or some of them, have sent copies of this letter to numerous parts of the country, and further, in view of the fact that Mr. Johnson now knows that this statement is false and refuses to make a correction, we leave it to our readers to decide whether this is a further malicious attempt on the part of a part of Tomlinson's followers to injure the Church of God by untruthful statements.

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